

PREFACE.

Prior to 1896, when the present system of reporting the cases before the Supreme Court of Canada was put into force, under regulations by the Minister of Justice, there had been a number of appeals and references decided and opinions rendered by the judges, which have never been published in the official reports of the court or noted in any of the digests, or Mr. Cameron's collection of cases. Since that time, there have been some cases in which appeals stood dismissed upon equal division of opinion among the judges, which, on further appeal, have been finally decided in the Privy Council, and have, consequently, become useful for reference as precedents or otherwise. In a large number of cases since the organization of the court, in 1875, appeals have been summarily decided, settled or abandoned, and there has been nothing published to afford means of reference to what happened in relation to them.

It is the object of the compiler of this collection, by the present work, to afford ready reference to the decisions hitherto unreported, and the disposal of all these classes of cases or matters which have come before the court, and thus furnish a completed published record of them to the present time.

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